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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application. The following are enclosed for consideration:

- X An Amendment "B" and Response to final Office Action for entry in the present application.
- X To render this RCE timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
- X Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.

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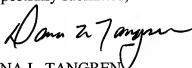
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